

HOUSE BILL No. 1210

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-28-5.

Synopsis: Teacher certification. Allows an individual who has failed the teacher licensing examination at least two times to demonstrate proficiency by having the individual's teacher education school or department certify to the department of education that the individual possesses the content knowledge required by the examination.

Effective: Upon passage.

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January 14, 2008, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 20-28-5-12, AS ADDED BY P.L.246-2005,
2 SECTION 163, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
3 [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 12. (a) Subsection (b) does not
4 apply to an individual who held an Indiana limited, reciprocal, or
5 standard teaching license on June 30, 1985.

6 (b) The department may not grant an initial standard license to an
7 individual unless the individual has demonstrated proficiency in the
8 following areas ~~on~~ **through** a written examination, **through**
9 **certification under section 13(c) of this chapter**, or through other
10 procedures prescribed by the department:

11 (1) Basic reading, writing, and mathematics.

12 (2) Pedagogy.

13 (3) Knowledge of the areas in which the individual is required to
14 have a license to teach.

15 (4) If the individual is seeking to be licensed as an elementary
16 school teacher, comprehensive reading instruction skills,
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(A) phonemic awareness; and

(B) phonics instruction.

(c) An individual's license examination score may not be disclosed by the department without the individual's consent unless specifically required by state or federal statute or court order.

(d) The advisory board shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to do the following:

(1) Adopt, validate, and implement the examination or other procedures required by subsection (b).

(2) Establish examination scores indicating proficiency.

(3) Otherwise carry out the purposes of this section.

(e) The board shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 establishing the conditions under which the requirements of this section may be waived for an individual holding a valid teacher's license issued by another state.

SECTION 2. IC 20-28-5-13, AS ADDED BY P.L.1-2005, SECTION 12, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 13. (a) This section applies to an examination required for teacher licensure under this chapter.

(b) If an individual does not demonstrate the level of proficiency required to receive a license on all or a part of an examination, the examination's scorer must provide the individual with the individual's test scores, including subscores for each area tested.

(c) This subsection applies only to an individual who has taken the examination described in subsection (a) at least two (2) times and has failed to demonstrate proficiency in a particular test area set forth in section 12(b) of this chapter by not more than two (2) points. An individual may demonstrate proficiency in the test area by having the teacher education school or department in which the individual is or was a student certify to the department that, based on:

(1) the individual's course work, grades, fieldwork, and student teaching; and

(2) evaluations by the individual's instructors; the individual possesses proficiency in the test area equal to the proficiency that is demonstrated by achieving a passing score in the test area on the examination.

(d) The department shall accept evidence of proficiency in a test area provided by an individual's teacher education school or department under subsection (c) as qualifying the individual for licensure under section 12(b) of this chapter.

SECTION 3. An emergency is declared for this act.

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